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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HARUO MACHIDA

Application No.: 09/544,265

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION  
PROCESSING SYSTEM,  
CONTROL METHOD OF  
INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD  
OF INFORMATION PROCESSING  
SYSTEM, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAMS  
CAPABLE OF BEING READ  
AND STORED BY COMPUTER

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document so listed is enclosed.

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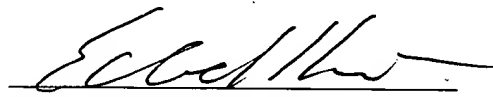
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It is noted that the foregoing document is the issued patent corresponding to U.S. Application No. 09/544,163, which was cited in the September 6, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received any of a final action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and to return the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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